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<b>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	2300-1481
	First Named Inventor	WILLIAMS, LEWIS T.
	Application Number	09/297,648
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	Group Art Unit	1631
	Examiner Name	BRUSCA, JOHN S.
	Title:	"HUMAN GENES AND GENE EXPRESSION PRODUCTS II"

Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed in the above-referenced application on April 14, 2003, making the Appeal Brief due on or before June 14, 2003. This Preliminary Amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, making this communication timely filed on or before August 14, 2003.

Entry of the amendments below is respectfully requested.